

CLAIMS

1. A method of managing profile information comprising the steps of;  
supplying dummy information to a remote profile database,  
5 accessing a service operable to request profile information from the  
remote profile database and supplying correct information to the remote profile  
database, and,  
after accessing the service, supplying dummy information to the remote  
profile database.
- 10 2. A method according to claim 1 comprising the step of detecting a service  
request and generating an update request to send correct information to the  
remote profile database.
- 15 3. A method according to claim 2 comprising the step of supplying the  
correct information to the remote profile database in response to the update  
request.
4. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, comprising the  
20 step of detecting the end of the service access and generating a dummy  
information update request.
5. A method according to claim 4 comprising the step of supplying dummy  
information to the remote profile database in response to the dummy  
25 information update request.
6. A method according to any one of the preceding claims comprising the  
step of storing correct information in a local database.

7. An agent method for managing profile information, the agent being operable to;
- 5 supply dummy information to a remote profile database and to supply correct information to a remote profile database.
8. An agent according to claim 7 operable to supply correct information to a remote profile database in response to an update request.
- 10 9. An agent according to claim 7 or claim 8 wherein the agent is operable to supply dummy information to the remote profile database in response to a dummy information update request.
- 15 10. An agent according to claim 8 or claim 9 wherein the update request and/or the dummy information update request are generated by a user.
- 20 11. An agent according to claim 8 or claim 9 wherein the update request and/or the dummy information update request are generated in response to a service access.
- 25 12. An agent according to any one of claims 7 to 11 operable to display the status of the information supplied to the remote profile database to a user.
13. An agent according to any one of claims 7 to 12 operable to read a local database to obtain the correct information and supply the correct information to the remote profile database.

14. A computer, the computer being operable to access a service via the Internet, the computer being provided with an agent according to any one of claims 8 to 15.

5 15. A module for managing profile information, the module being operable to detect a service request indication and generate an update request to provide correct information to a remote profile database.

16. A module according to claim 15 operable to transmit the update request  
10 to an agent provided on a user's computer.

17. A module according to claim 15 or claim 16 wherein the service request indication comprises a service request transmitted to a service.

15 18. A module according to claim 15 or claim 16 wherein the service request information comprises a request for profile information transmitted from a server to the remote profile database.

19. A proxy server, the server being operable to communicate with a user's  
20 computer and the Internet, the server being provided with a module according to any one of claims 14 to 18.

20. A system comprising a computer according to claim 14 and a proxy server according to claim 21.

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